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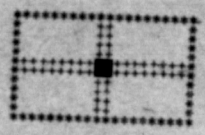

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Tylertown, Miss., Nov. 26, 1914.

In response to the suggestion of prominent members of Baptist Churches located in Walthall County, delegates from the churches met with the Baptist Church at Tylertown, on the date above, for the purpose of organizing the Baptist Churches of Walthall Co. into an association.

Rev J. B. Quin stated the object of the meeting, and was elected chairman pro tem, with W. W. Bullock, clerk.

A canvass to learn what churches, with their delegates, were entitled to take part in the organization was then made. Following is the result of this canvass.

Churches with letters of dismission from their Associations:

New Zion—Edgar Fortinberry, Willis Pittman, Burley Pittman, Ora Blackwell.

Magee's Creek—J. D. Thornhill, E C. Bennett.

Salem—J. C. Luter, J. C. Boyd, Wm, Sandifer.

Tylertown—G. M. Rodgers, A. F. Davis, J. K. Brumfield, J. C. Rimes, J. H. Crawford, H. A. Scott, C. I. Brumfield, B. L. Crawford, J. M. Alford, L. A. Welch.

Union—J. H. Martin, Tom Harvey, P. H. Sandifer.

Mesa—Wm. O'Quin, E. S. Magee, J. E. McKeen.

Crystal Springs—I. I. Pigott, B. P. Patton, W. W. Bullock, Tom Pigott, Dudley Fortinberry, W. A. Pigott.

Churches without letters of dismission from their Associations:

Enon—W. B. Dunaway, D. A. Wallace, Joe Cothern Jr

Centerville—E. B. Smith, G N. Smith, D. R. Smith.

Upon a statement by the delegates of these latter churches that a letter would be sent the clerk, they were on motion admitted into the organization.

Officers for the year were then elected, and are as follows: Moderator, Rev. J. B. Quin; Treasurer, J. D. Thornhill; Clerk, W. W. Bullock.

On motion the body was named The Walthall County Baptist Association.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Nominations, and one on By-Laws and Constitution; afterwhich the Association adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

Report of committee on Nominations:

We recomend that A.F.Davis be our messeng S.B.C.

That the churches make contributions to defra expenses, and that the money be paid to the treas of the Association by the respective churches, not than the 15, of April 1915.

We recomend J.B.Quin, a Vice President of Foreign Mission Board of the Association; W B.D way of the Home Board; and W.A.Pigott of State

We recomend Mrs. Turner as vice president of Woman's Missionary Union.

We recomend that the next meeting of the Ass ation be at 10 A.M. on Friday before the first Sun in Oct. 1915, and that Eld. J.B.Quinn preach the as ciational sermon.

We further recomend that the following nan brethren be appointed to write on the following s jects.

Missions, A.F.Davis; Denominational Schools, W.Bullock; Relation of Church to Pastor, C.I.Bru field; Publication, W.B.Dunaway; Orphanage, J. Crawford; Ministerial Education, Theron Jones; Te perance, Van C.Walker; Woman's Work, J.C Rim Baptist Hospital, Dr. B.L.Crawford; Sunday Schools, D.Thornhill.

Signed by the committee.

A.F.Davis, chairman,
W.J.O'Quin,
W.B.Dunaway.
J.D.Thornhill,
J.C.Rimes.

This report was adopted after changing the tim of meeting to Saturday instead of Friday.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS AN CONSTITUTION. Signed by the committee——T. Pigott. J.C.Luter, W.R.Pittman, J.M.Alford, J.H Crawford, chairman, Report as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

We the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been baptized upon a profession of faith, being convinced of the utility of an association of churches and of maintaining a correspondence for the preservation of union among churches of the same faith and order, do, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an association upon the following principals, viz:

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of all his sins to all his posterity—in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God

IV. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and affectual calling, and they being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that believers are bound to obey God from a principle of love.

VII We believe that the salvation of the soul is holy of grace, that man is accountable to God for his action; that punishment is the affect of justice, but where the province of grace with the accountability of man u-

nites, is not clearly revealed.

VIII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1, We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a godly disciplin, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued until His second coming

4. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinance of the gospel, and give them selves, as members, to a visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independant body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and controle its own affairs, and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrins or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to pro-

mote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulty between the churches, and remove them if possible; give churches the best possible advise they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general to advance the interests of the redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalianable right of every Association, of every church, or every individual member of a church to support them or not support them according to their own conciences, and this right shall never be called in question in this Association, and any motion whereby this right is called into question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may keep a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of like faith and order.

5. Ministers of the gospel in good standing, tho' not delegates, may be invited to seats in this Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place it thinks proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and elect annually a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all money that may come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. This Association shall frame its own laws and regulate its own proceedings, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

Rules of Decorum.

1. This Association shall be composed of Delegates chosen by the Churches to which they respectively belong, and all Ministers of the Gospel whose membership is in Churches of this Association, and shall be styled the Walthall County Baptist Association.

2. Such Delegates shall be members in good stan ing, and no member under church censure shall be a lowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters from their respec ive churches certifying their appointment together wit the number in fellowship, those baptised, received b letter, restored, dismissed, excomunicated, and dea since last Association, with the total in fellowship, an such other statistical matter as the Association may di rect.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by a ma jority of the members present; they shall fill their re spective places when present at the succeeding Associa tion till a new election shall have taken place, and whil in office shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident t these offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted to th Union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If o examination found orthodox and orderly, they shall b received by the Association manifested by the Modera tor giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every church shall be allowed three delegates and no more until her number shall reach one hundred members; then she shall have one delegate for every additional thirty-three, and fratction of thirty-three greater than seventeen members thereafter.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of faith of this Association.

8. No subject shall be discussed without a motion and second, and every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing if reqested by any mimber, and shall be considered by the Association unless withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the minutes, unless so ordered at the time by the Body.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken on each point

separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at once; should two rise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first, and he shall not be interrupted unless he depart from the subject under discussion or cast reflections on a brother, in which case he shall be called to order by the Moderator.

12. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the chair being filled. He shall arise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken, to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of all the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition or motion, and the Moderator shall vote as other members. When the the question is taken, and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finaly depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when it is thought necessary.

20. Minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator, and Clerk before the Association rises.

On motion this report was adopted.

On motion the Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk were made to constitute a finance committee.

The Moderator appointed as messengers: W. B. Dunaway and J. C. Rimes, to the Boguechitto Association;

Dr. B. L. Crawford and J. K. Brumfield, to the Pearl Ri
er Association; and A. F. Davis and Dudly Fortinber
to the Magee's Creek Association.

The delegates promised to ask their churches f
the following contributions for messengers expense
the S. B. C.—Enon, $2.50; Magee's Creek, $2.50; Mes
$2.00; Union, $2.00; Salem, $3.00; New Zion, $3 0
Centerville, $3.00; Crystal Springs, $5.00; Tylertow
$10.00.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at
A. M. on Saturday before the first Sunday in Oct. 191

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

T. L. Jones, Jayess, Miss.
J. A. Burnett, Verna, Miss.
J. G. Ludlan, Holmesville, Miss.
T. B. Fortinberry, Pittman, Miss.
Van C. Walker, Knoxo, Miss.
A. F. Davis, Tylertown, Miss.
J. B. Quinn, Tylertown, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

G. K. Fortinberry, Tylertown, Miss.
E. S. Magee, Mesa, Miss.

STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P.O.	Membership 1914	Paid by Churches 1914
Centerville	J N Fortenbery, Varnado, La	V M Holmes, Lexie, Miss	274	$130 07
Enon	E C Dunaway, Bismark, Miss	O J Gulledge, Verna	194	204 35
Salem	A F Davis, Tylertown "	W M Sandifer, Tylertown	123	136 78
Tylertown	J B Quinn " "	W I Pigott, Tylertown	348	1581 22
Union	C T Corkern Franklinton La	W N Harvey, Tylertown	187	152 60
Mesa	J B Quinn, Tylertown Miss	J M O'Quinn, Tylertown	109	153 43
New Zion	A F Davis, Tylertown Miss	E H Fortenberry, "	291	177 55
Magee's Creek	T D Cox, Columbia Miss	J D Thornhill, Nome	180	230 00
*Crystal Springs	C T Corkern Franklinton La	W W Bullock, Tylertown	235	363 12

(*) Not reported to any other Association.

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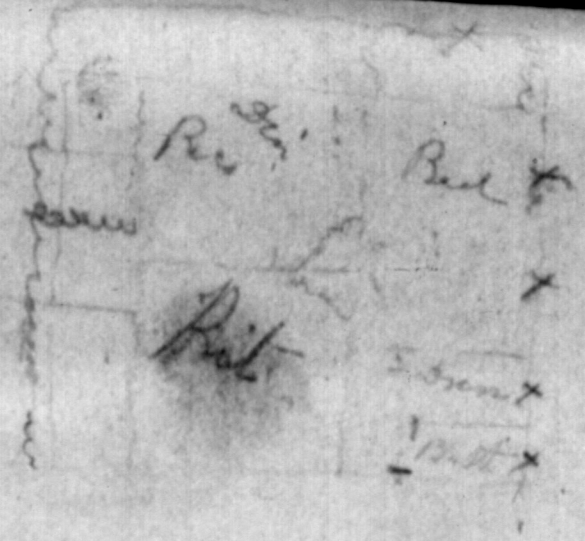
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